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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Asst. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Between the title and the heading "Background of the Invention" insert the following:

**--RELATED APPLICATION DATA**

This application is a divisional of copending application Serial No. 09/385,959 filed August 30, 1999, New Attorney Docket No. 09792909-4298, Old Attorney Docket No. P99,1318. The present and foregoing application claims priority to Japanese Application No.

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P10-247393 filed September 1, 1998 and Application No: P11-146942 filed May 26, 1999.  
All of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted  
by law.--

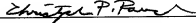
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 7-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

**RE MARKS**

The above amendments are being made to set forth claims 1-6 upon which this  
divisional application is based.

Respectfully submitted,

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